IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 through 7 as shown below and add claims 8 through 20 as shown below. Marked up copies of claims 1-7 showing the amendments are attached hereto.

1. (Amended) A thermoplastic resin composition comprising a thermoplastic resin, between 3 and 400% by weight of filler based on the weight of the resin, said filler comprising talc and microsilica where the weight ratio between talc and microsilica is between 15:1 and 1:15.

2. (Amended) The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of talc and microsilica is between 6:1 and 1:5.

3. (Amended) A method for production of a thermoplastic resin composition comprising adding talc and microsilica to a thermoplastic resin in a total amount between 3 and 400% by weight based on the weight of thermoplastic resin and where the weight ratio between talc and microsilica is kept between 15:1 and 1:15, whereafter the mixture is formed into a thermoplastic resin composition.

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 3 wherein the talc and microsilica are added to the thermoplastic resin as a mixture of talc and microsilica.

5. (Amended) The method according to claim 3 wherein the talc and microsilica are added separately to the thermoplastic resin.

6. (Amended) A filler blend for use in thermoplastic resin compositions comprising talc and microsilica in a weight ratio between 15:1 and 1:15.

7. (Amended) The filler blend according to claim 6 wherein the filler blend contains talc and microsilica in a weight ratio between 6:1 and 1:5.

--8. The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 wherein the thermoplastic resin is selected from the group consisting of polyolefines, polyvinylchloride and polyamides.

9. The method according to claim 3 wherein the thermoplastic resin is selected from the group consisting of polyolefines, polyvinylchloride and polyamides.

10. The method according to claim 3 wherein the weight ratio of talc and microsilica is between 6:1 and 1:5.

11. The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 8 wherein the weight ratio of talc and microsilica is between 6:1 and 1:5.

12. The method according to claim 9 wherein the talc and microsilica are added to the thermoplastic resin as a mixture of talc and microsilica.

13. The method according to claim 9 wherein the talc and microsilica are added separately to the thermoplastic resin.

14. A method for production of a thermoplastic resin product comprising:

adding talc and microsilica to a thermoplastic resin in a total amount between 3 and 400% by weight based on the weight of thermoplastic resin and where the weight ratio between talc and microsilica is kept between 15:1 and 1:15 to form a mix; and

compounding said mix to form a thermoplastic resin product.

15. The method according to claim 14 wherein the compounding is selected from the group consisting of extruding, calendering, and injection molding.

16. The method according to claim 14 wherein the thermoplastic resin is selected from the group consisting of polyolefines, polyvinylchloride, and polyamides.

17. The method according to claim 14 wherein the talc and microsilica are added to the thermoplastic resin as a mixture of talc and microsilica.